

THE POET DUNBAR HONORED.

Selections from his Poems Recited by a Virginia Declaimer—Wedding Bells and Wooster Street Gleanings—Personal Mention.

Hartford, Conn., Special:—A very creditable entertainment was given by Mrs. Grace Batcock and friends October 10th, at the A. M. E. Zion Church. The program consisted of recitations by Miss E. Fish of Hartford and Miss Lucy Winston of Windsor Locks, and solos by Mrs. Carrie Gibson of Matthews County, Va., Miss Annie Babcock, and Mrs. Flossie Steward, and others of this city. Miss Lucy Winston chose her selections from Paul Laurence Dunbar and they were well-received. The pastor, Rev. Cooper, was down for an address, but as called away to Winchester, Mass., to take part in a marriage. The chorus singing by a company of 25 voices was excellent and well-received. The Four Nights in the Wilderness commenced the 22nd at the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Mrs. Annie Crecci Francis who is very sick at the Hartford Hospital has undergone an operation.

Miss Grace Waugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waugh of Squill St., is at the hospital having her eyes treated.

Miss Mable Lee, daughter of Mrs. S. S. Lee of Huntly Avenue, is also at the Hospital with eye trouble.

Miss Hattie B. Woods, daughter of Mrs. Emma Woods, of Bellevue Street, was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Frederick Thompson of this city, Wednesday evening, the 16th, at the parsonage of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Rev. J. Sula Cooper tied the nuptial knot. The *Colored American* and its many readers wishes the bride and groom a happy and prosperous voyage on their matrimonial sea. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will reside at the Bride's parents.

The Rev. R. W. Keller, solicitor of the Alabama Orphans' and Old Folk's Home, visited our city the past week, soliciting for the above object. Miss Lottie King of 1074 Broad St., is recovering from her indisposition.

Miss Fannie Freeman of San Francisco St., is on the sick list.

Mr. J. Moore of No. 3 Hurley ave has returned to his former home in N. C.

Mr. Herbert Harrison is soliciting engagements to recite coon town poetry. He gave a recitation at the concert on the 10th.

WOOSTER STREET GLEANINGS

Rev. G. W. Johnson, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston, N. C., who is spending his vacation in New England with a few days sojourn in Hartford, preached to the Union Baptist Congregation, Sunday morning and evening. His morning text was taken from Matt., 28: 19 and 20. Subject: "God leading his people." Rev. Johnson is an eloquent speaker and honor to the community from which he hails. Rev. Gay is much pleased with his visit as he is an old friend of boyhood days and early struggles in the ministry.

Supr. Jno I. Taylor is trying very hard to establish a mission in Meriden, Conn. He will spend next Sunday in that city in the mission work. The Union Baptist Sabbath School voted to give Supr. Jno I. Taylor fifteen books for use in his work.

Rev. Dr. Ferris, of Boston, Mass will lecture Thursday evening, October 10, at the Union Baptist Church.

The harvest entertainment to be held at the Union Baptist Church, Thursday evening, October 17, promises to be a very profitable entertainment. Please

present your presents before the second Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Custalo, of 160 Barbours St. entertained Misses Gay and Wilson to tea, October 3rd.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson and her little son, Ernest G. has returned from an enjoyable visit to friends and relatives in Essex Co., Virginia.

Mrs. William Jacklin and family is home again from a trip in Poughkeepsie and Hishkill, N. Y. Mrs. Jacklyn weighs 103 lbs. a considerable gain in avoirdupois.

Two of Hartford's highly respected young colored men made application to Secretary Jacks of the Y. M. C. A., for admission into the evening classes of Hillier Institute and they were informed that the Association had decided not to admit any more young colored men. Shame for the organization that pretends to be made up of Christians and refuses to admit brothers. If your face isn't white you needn't come around.

THE PEN AND PENCIL CLUB.

An Organization That is Fulfilling the Promise Aimed at by its Founders—An Aggregation of Thinkers, Scholars and Writers—Never in Better Condition.

The Pen and Pencil Club was never in better condition for the work it started out to accomplish than it is today. It numbers forty or more of the flower of the nation's young manhood, and has in its ranks authors, journalists, poets, skilled politicians, experts in stenography, typewriting, printing and other useful arts lawyers, doctors, educators, and orators and debaters galore. In the latter role they shine



MR. R. W. THOMPSON.

with the brilliance of a Koh-i-noor. The last meeting was a lively one, and the subject under discussion was handled with a vigor and determination that betokened earnest conviction, legal acumen and a thorough knowledge of the fine points of parliamentary law. In that this practical application of Cushing and Roberts and the logical development of an argument are beneficial to all classes of young men, the Pen and Pencil Club is an educator. When three dozen bright fellows get together and divide an clean cut issues with each side knowing its rights under the construction of the constitution and the law, you can count on the fur flying, and there will be a saying intelligence that will d away in a moment with all the "la blood" that may be engendered in the heat of conflict. The meetings of the club are always stormy, but they are never unprofitable, for the debates are a recreation that all enjoy, and friction of well-balanced minds is an inspiration to energies lagged out by the official

cares of the day. After the debris of each affray is cleared away, "the boys" are eager for another meeting, like the old war horse, "sniffing the battle from afar." At the last seance, Messrs. Malone, Pollard, Johnson, Houston, Maloney, Cobb, Lary, Allen and Gray distinguished themselves in debate. Vice-President Thompson acted as chairman in the absence of President Hershaw, and "fielded" the hottest kind of "long drives"—points of order, questions of high privilege, appeals from ruling, interrogatories, etc.,—with the impartiality and presence of mind of a veteran parliamentarian.

The regular sessions are held on the first Thursday evening of each month at 1706 10th street northwest, but it is expected that the Board of Governors will call a special meeting in a few days to dispose of accumulated unfurnished business. The meetings are full of ginger, and attendance is always large.

The Pen and Pencil club is here to stay. The people are with it, too.

TALENTED YOUNG WOMEN.

The Whitman Sisters Entertain for Eleemosynary Purposes—Col. Rucker a Popular Official—Georgia Love Lore—General News in the Yam State—Gov. Jones appointed Popular.

Atlanta, Ga., Special:—The esteemed wife of Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick of Rome, Ga., died recently surrounded by her husband and loving friends. Rev. Fitzpatrick was transferred from the Ala. Conference by Bishop Turner to Rome on account of his wife's health. Mr. Fitzpatrick was for many years a missionary in South Africa, to which field of labor he is soon to return. The Whitman sisters gave three entertainments in the great tent of Bethel Church this week to overflowing audiences. On Monday night, the attendance was between four and five hundred persons. They have netted for the church about nine hundred dollars in three nights. Great are the Whitman Sisters. Dr. C. H. Newton is therefore all smiles. Prof. J. C. Hope of the Atlanta College and his good lady are rejoicing over the arrival of Edward Wayne Hope. The young man is doing well. Miss Hope is a sister of Miss W. Lyons.

When Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, called on President Roosevelt a short while ago to talk about the Negro federal officeholders in Georgia. He was forced to admit to the President that Hon. H. A. Rucker, Collector of Internal Revenue for this state was a first-class business man and possessed the respect and esteem of the white people Atlanta. It went against the grain to do so but Mr. Howell, being an honest man and a democrat, could not do otherwise than bear testimony to a fact well-known by all of the people who know Collector Rucker.

I notice that "Judge" T. H. Malone is telling of his love for a Georgia lady in poetry. The "judge" deserves reciprocity, and we hope that he will get it.

Dr. H. R. Butler, of Atlanta, was elected Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity this week at the annual session of his order held in Americus, Ga. The Order has established an orphanage in Americus at a cost of over \$30,000. All of the state sessions will be held in that city hereafter. Editor Sol. C. Johnson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Lawyer H. L. Johnson has been retained to defend J. A. Josey charged with robbing the mails. If the U. S. Attorney is not awake, Col. Johnson will catch them napping on a legal technicality.

A PROMINENT LADY

Speaks in Highest Terms of Peruna as a Catarrh Cure.

Mrs. M. A. Theatro, member Rebecca Lodge, Iola Lodge; also member of Woman's Relief Corps, writes the following letter from 1838 Jackson street Minneapolis, Minn.:



Mrs. M. A. Theatro, Minneapolis, Minn.

Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

Gentlemen:—"As a remedy for catarrh I can cheerfully recommend Peruna. I have been troubled with chronic catarrh for over six years. I had tried several remedies without relief. A lodge friend advised me to try Peruna, and I began to use it faithfully before each meal. Since then I have always kept it in the house. I am now in better health than I have been in over twenty years, and I feel sure my catarrh is permanently cured."

Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. As soon as Peruna removes systemic catarrh the digestion becomes good, nerves strong, and trouble vanishes. Peruna strengthens weak nerves, not by temporarily stimulating them, but by removing the cause of weak nerves—systemic catarrh. This is the only cure that lasts. Remove the cause; nature will do the rest. Peruna removes the cause. Address The Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a book treating of catarrh in its different phases and stages, also a book entitled "Health and Beauty," written especially for women.

ality, thereby liberating his client. While Johnson has many strong legal qualities one of his greatest is in finding the weak points of the prosecutor, and he usually lands his man.

All of the Atlanta colleges and seminaries opened last week in full blast and every one was filled from the start. Spellman Seminary opened with over four hundred boarders. Dr. Adams of Atlanta University says that this school will be taxed to accommodate the applicants. The Morris Brown College has the greatest enrollment in its history. Clarke University is also unusually filled for opening day. Prof. Hope of the Baptist College gives the same account of his school. The kindergarten opened with an increased enrollment over last year and the ladies are happy.

Mr. Cal. Johnson the great race jockey club man of Knoxville, Tenn., is in the city attending the interstate fair with some of his fine blooded horses. He is certain to carry away one of the first prizes.

The warden of the Federal prison here has appointed two African-American cooks to positions in that building.

The majority of the race leaders here commend most heartily the appointment of Ex-Gov. Jones to the Federal judgeship in Alabama. Collector Rucker says that the republicans of Alabama in their Kukery fight made the appointment of Gov. Jones inevitable which brings to the party the best results possible. Major Easley is even stronger in his endorsement of the President's actions in this matter. Col. W. A. Pledger says the President's head is level and that he is a party man. Of course there are those who see nothing good in the appointment of democrats to life time positions. "There is a divinity that shapes the affairs of men, rough them as you may."